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Applicant's Amendment and Remarks filed June 6, 2006 are acknowledged. However, it is noted that Applicant's response does not comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) which states, "In order to be entitled to reconsideration or further examination, the applicant or patent owner must reply to the Office action. The reply by the applicant or patent owner must be reduced to a writing which distinctly and specifically points out the supposed errors in the Examiner's action and must reply to every ground of objection and rejection in the prior Office action". It is noted that in the prior Office Action mailed January 25, 2006, claims 29-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Webb et al. (The Lancet, 1997 Vol. 349:1137-1141) in view of Bennett et al. [U.S. Patent No: 6,214,986]. In Applicant's Amendment and Remarks filed June 6, 2006, Applicants have not replied to this ground of rejection.

For any response to be considered fully responsive, Applicants must reply to every ground of rejection in the prior Office Action as required by 37 CFR 1.111(b).

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned response appears to be bona fide, Applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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